

**Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period for  
Adkins Energy, LLC in Lena**

Adkins Energy, LLC has requested a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP) and two construction permits from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) for its fuel ethanol plant located at 4350 West Galena Road in Lena.

One construction permit (03040053) would authorize construction of a revised feed drying system, including an afterburner/regenerative thermal oxidizer to control emissions. The other construction permit (03070046) would authorize construction of a permanent flare to control emissions from ethanol loadout from the facility.

The FESOP would be the operating permit for the facility. This permit would contain operating and emission limitations and other requirements that restrict the facility's emissions to non-major levels. The permit would be enforceable by the USEPA, as well as the Illinois EPA.

**The Illinois EPA's Bureau of Air will hold a public hearing on December 18, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Lena-Winslow Elementary School, Fine Arts Center, 401 Fremont Street in Lena. The hearing will be held to receive comments and answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the permit applications. The hearing will be held under the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans," 35 IAC 166, Subpart A. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted in writing. Requests for interpreters (including sign language) must be made by December 3, 2003. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Hearing Officer, Re: Adkins Energy LLC, Illinois EPA, 1021 N. Grand Ave. E., P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, 217/782-5544.

**Written comments must sent to the Hearing Officer and be postmarked by midnight, January 18, 2003,** unless otherwise specified by the Hearing Officer. Written comments need not be notarized.

Persons wanting more information may review the Illinois EPA's project summary and the draft permits at [www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm) (under All Permit Records, FESOP, New). These documents along with the application may also be reviewed at the Lena Community District Library, 300 West Mason Street in Lena and the Illinois EPA's offices at 4302 North Main Street in Rockford, 815/987-7760 and 1340 N. Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be able to assist you).

For information or requests about the application or draft permits, please contact:  
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P.O. Box 19506, Springfield, IL 62794-9506, 217/782-2113 or 217/782-9143 TDD.